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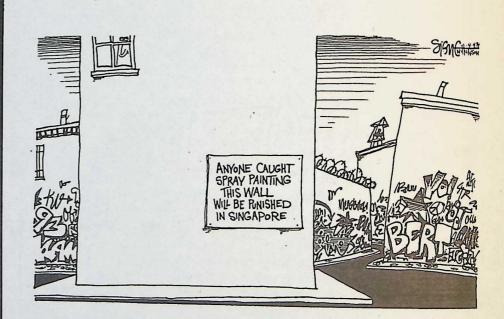
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Dear Answer Guy,

Q: I saw in *The New York Times* where Iran has recently approved the death penalty for dealers in sexual videos. What do you think about this?

A: I saw the same article, and I'm sure there are some real low-IQ American wingnuts running around trying to get a similar law passed in this country. Many of them are already serving in various state legislatures. They're the ones who always voted

against the ERA because they were terrified of lesbians using their toilets. I certainly don't favor the death penalty for sexual videos, although I do approve of the sex penalty for violent videos.

#### Dear Answer Guy,

Q: As you know, all time is kept relative to Greenwich Mean Time. The Time Zones run north and south, like longitude. And — like longitude — they all come together at the North Pole. According to scientists, this means that time is not kept at the North Pole. Okay, if time isn't kept at the North Pole, would you get older if you lived there?

A: Of course you would; look at Santa Claus. Do you think he's always been that old? At the North Pole, you do get older, but it happens very slowly, because occasionally during severe blizzards, a teensy bit of time leaks out of the Time Zones and spills over onto the people who live there. It's not much, but it adds up.

#### Dear Answer Guy,

Q: When I use two hands to carry stuff, I always have to set it down because I get this uncontrollable urge to scratch an itch. Does this happen to everybody?

A: How dumb can you get? Imagine a hotel porter, arms full of your luggage, going, "Waitez-here monsieur; I must stop pour scratcher my nez." You can bet he'd kiss his tip goodbye. I mean, so you've got an itch. Live with it. How many times have you heard about an astronaut ripping off his or her helmet to pick at their scalp? It just doesn't happen. You're pathetically ill-equipped to deal with the modern world, and obviously need years of expensive therapy, or a prehensile tail.

#### Dear Answer Guy,

Q: I've been washing my clothes in Tide for several years, and I've really believed it worked, just like in the commercials — whiter whites, and all that. I even told my friends about it. I guess I had "consumer loyalty." But last night I saw an ad for "New Improved Tide," and I'm like "Hey! This stuff they were selling me was crapola — and they knew it all the time." Isn't it true that while they were pushing this junk on me, they were mixing up better stuff in the back room, because they knew the old Tide sucked? I feel so used!

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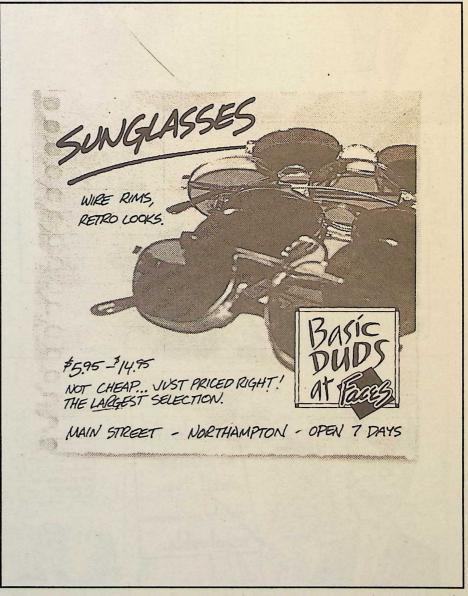
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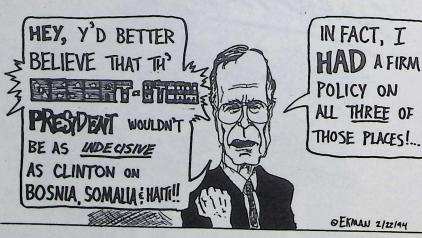


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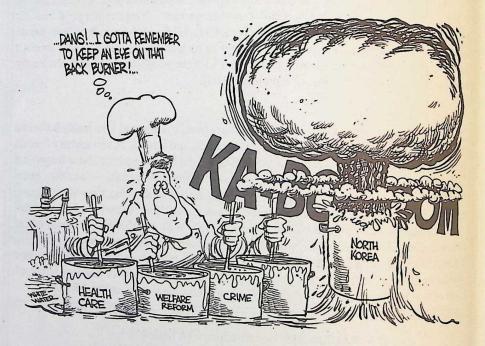


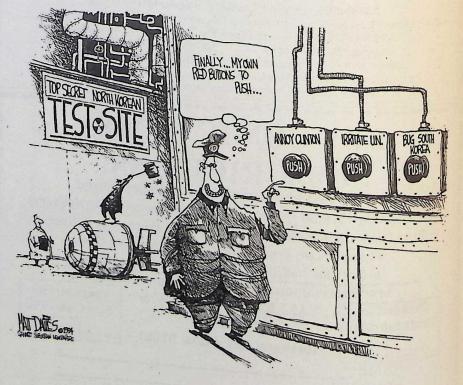












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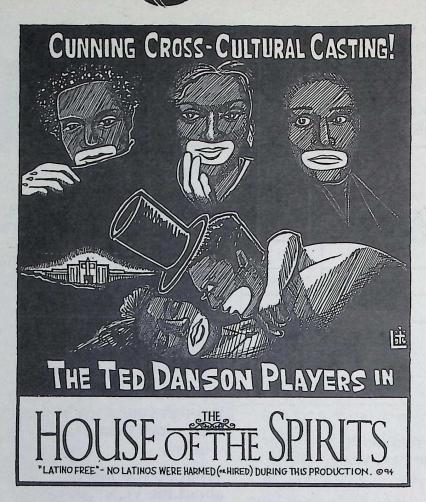
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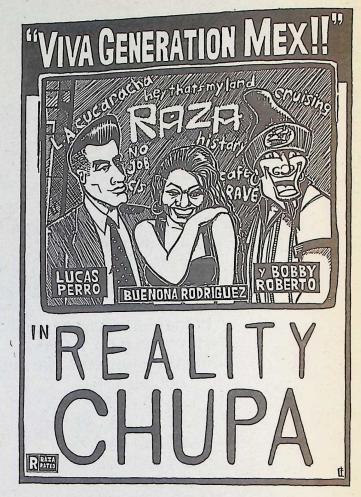


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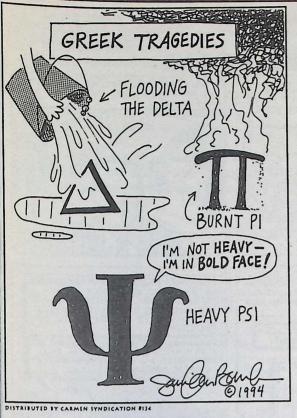
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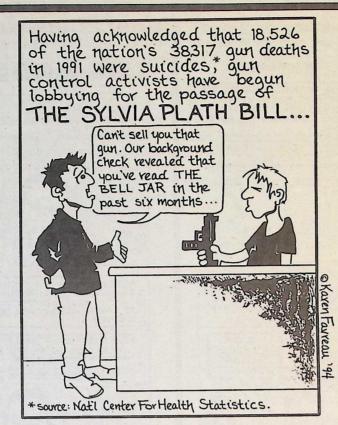
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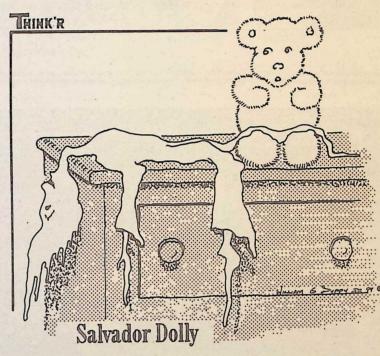


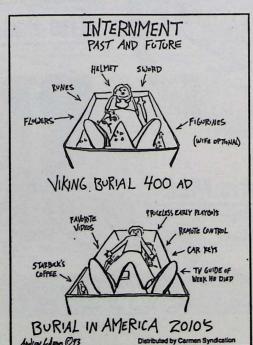














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A. From "Diligence," the English name of a fancy public stage coach.

Pizza shops authorized to sell to the White House say deliveries are up 31 per cent over the previous administration.

Local law in Kirkland, III., makes it illegal for bees to fly over town.

Baseball may be the only game in which the defense controls the ball at the beginning of every play.

The first airline flight attendants had to be women who stood no more than 5foot-4 and weighed no more than 115 pounds.

An average married man lives 6 years 7 months longer than the average never-married man.

Q. How many types of Barbie dolls are sold every year? A. About 90, with 120 outfits.

On the cattle ranges of the Old West, some cowboys played banjos, some played fiddles. But the guitar-playing cowboy was created in Hollywood.

Most people can't name the three largest cities on the West Coast. LA is easy. But people forget Vancouver, BC, and Tijuana, Mexico. We didn't specify American West Coast.

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Q. What did the ancient Egyptians make beer out of? A. Barley dough in date water.

Surveytakers report that nine out of 10 marriages in which the women proposed have been successful.

What we call cowbirds are frequently found around cattle. Cowbirds, though, is a relatively recent name. They used to be called buffalo birds.

According to historical footnotes. Buckingham Palace was built on the site of an old brothel.

About half the kids in Japan now know how to use chopsticks.

Cross-country skiers are 10 times more likely than non-skiers to have asthma. Researchers conclude prolonged exposure to cold air causes

Q. Who got the first Medicare ID card? A. Harry S. Truman, in 1966. Card No. 1.

An old Wisconsin law specifically forbids a railroad conductor from kissing a passenger.

United Kingdom ambassadors make marginal notes on documents in red ink. No one else in the British Foreign Office is allowed to use red ink.

Henry Ward Beecher said, "A man without mirth is like a wagon without springs. He is jolted disagreeably by every pebble in the road."

The average home has four calendars in it.

Nature also defended the porcupine against itself, evidently. Chemical analysis of its quills shows they're naturally coated with antibiotics.

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Half of all Americans over age 55 have no natural teeth left.

Sellers of tableware say men who buy it most often choose pieces with blue in them.

Q. Where'd we get the phrase "to win hands down"?

A. From horse racing. When a horse was so far ahead it couldn't possibly be beaten, the jockey of old dropped the reins, hands down, to give the horse its head.

Three out of ten people tell pollsters that they've been moved to tears at one time or another by greeting cards.

Fewer cars get into accidents while turning right on a red light than while turning right at a green light.

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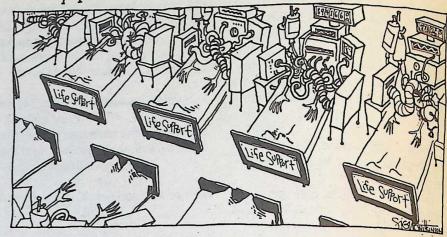
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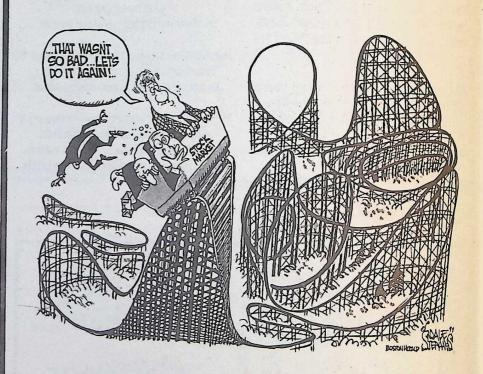
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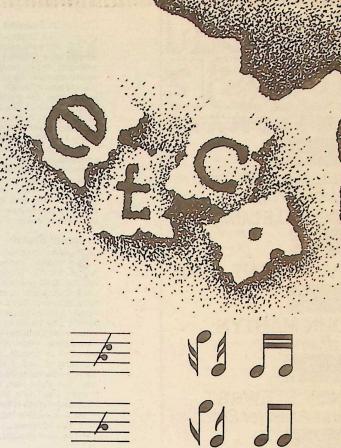
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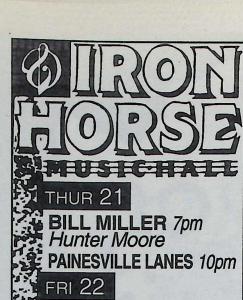
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#### Tornado Season

Palm Sunday skies, filled with eerie colors and ominous clouds, unleashed nous clouds, unleashed scores of deadly tornadoes and severe storms in the southeastern U.S. At least 41 people were killed in four states. The greatest tragedy occurred when 21 people perished as one twister tore through a United Methodist Church in Piedmont, Ala., during a Holy Week pageant.

ln Bangladesh, more than 150 people were injured as a tornado hit several villages in Saver, about 50 miles north of the capital, Dhaka. The twister, which was on the ground for more than 20 minutes, damaged several hundred houses and uprooted trees and utility poles.

#### **Tropical Storms**

After wrecking parts of northern Madagascar during the previous week, cyclone Nadia slammed into the coast of Mozambique, laying waste to the northern province of Nampula. About 1.5 million people were made homeless by the storm, which also ruined crops just before the harvest. International relief efforts were launched to provide emergency shipments of food, medicine, and wildling materials to the devectated. shipments of food, medicine, and building materials to the devastated area. The storm went on to gain strength again over the Mozambique Channel late in the week.

Tropical cyclone Usha brought more than 10 inches of rain to the island nation of Vanuatu.

#### Earthquakes

Mexico's only nuclear power plant was rattled by a moderate tremor off the Veracruz coast, but no damage or

Earth movements also were felt in southern Iran, southern Mexico, Taiwan, Mindanao, southern Italy, the Kamchatka Peninsula, south-central Alaska, and at Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming.



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#### Krakatoa Awakens

A recent powerful earth-quake that jolted southern Sumatra is suspected to have awakened the Krakatau (Krakataa) Volcano in the Sunda Straits. "Ordinarily, the Krakatau keeps quiet between one to four years, but now it is alive after a rest of only five months," said Dr. Sukhyar of the Volcanology Directorate. During late March, the mountain belched bright red flames and glowing lava, and sent black smoke nearly 1,000 feet into the sky.

#### Horse Flu

An outbreak of equine influenza has killed 30,000 horses in China and left 1.5 million seriously ill. The most deadly pillion seriousy iii. The most deady epidemic since 1949 began last May and has spread across the northern and western provinces, which are China's main horse-breeding centers. The government imposed a quarantine on the affected areas.

#### Siberian Snow

Alate-season winter storm, raging across far-eastern Russia, brought a heavy snowfall that paralyzed air, ground, and maritime transporation in the region surrounding Sakhalin Island. About 700 ice-fishing enthusiasts, who ventured to a coastal ice strip just before the onset of the storm, were stranded for three days before roads could be cleared for their

#### Wildfires

Aforestfire raging in India's Similipal national park threatens large numbers of tigers, leopards, and elephants. Environment Minister Adwait Singh said the blazes had engulied one tenth of the 850-square-mile park about 150 miles southwest of Cal-cutta. Singh believes the fires may have been started by local tribes looking for firewood, and have been made worse by scorching weather.

Volunteers, army personnel, and workers joined to combat a 1,000-acre fire burning along the Hon-duras-Nicaragua border.

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#### Beastly Beaver

A 5-foot-long, 80-pound beaver is gnawing its way through marina docks and birch trees around Moline, Ill., but the elusive animal has so far been able to elude capture and the lenses able to elude capture and the lenses of stalking photographers. "Yeh, right...it's the beaver that ate Moline," joked visitor William Morris of nearby Sterling. The aquatic mammal's expensive tastes have led it to chew \$1,000 in damage at Marquis Harbor Yacht Club since January. If captured, the giant beaver would be taken to a pond about 15 miles to the east and

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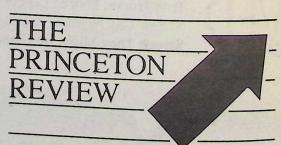
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#### **Droughts**

Seventeen cities in provinces across northern China face what Beijing authorities are calling "the drought of the century." Officials have set up a \$3.2 million fund to help pump water to the affected population centers. Key grain-producing provinces are among the hardest hit.

Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto appealed to the nation to pray for rain to end a drought which started last October. The extended dry spell has affected wheat, sugar, and cotton crops.

The failure of seasonal rains in East Africa continues to threaten millions of people from Rwanda to Ethiopia with starvation.

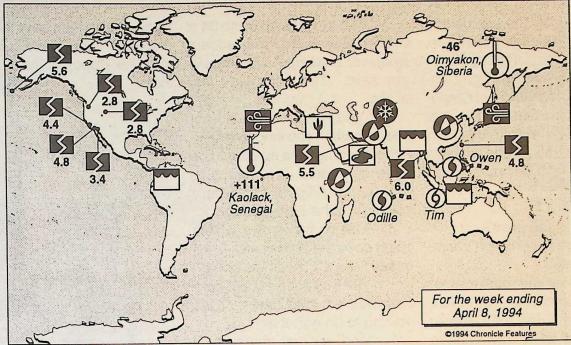
#### Earthquakes

Residents of southern Iran, weary of weeks in which hundreds of quakes or aftershocks have rumbled through the region, were jolted by a magnitude 5.5 earthquake that injured 20 people and damaged several homes in Firuzabad. In Southern California, there was yet another mild aftershock of the destructive Januaury 17 temblor, and two fresh quakes centered near Lake Arrowhead and just south of Palm Springs.

Movements also were felt in Taiwan, the border region between Burma and Bangladesh, the Aleutian Islands, eastern Idaho, Washington State, and central California.

#### Late Snow

A heavy snowfall and sudden cold wave spread latewinter misery across many districts of Tajikistan. The untimely chill came just as cultivation of orchards, vineyards, and mulberry plantations had begun. Officials feared that the low temperatures also threatened newborn sheep and goats, according to Tass. Much of the former Soviet Union recently has been affected by late winter storms.



#### **Gulf Spill**

Beaches along the United Arab Emirates were spoiled by the worst oil spill in the region since the Gulf War. Nearly 16,000 tons of light crude spilled when the supertanker Seki and the much smaller ship Baynunah collided about 10 miles off the port of Al Fujayrah, just south of the Strait of Hormuz. While there were reports of dead fish shortly after the disaster, most of the coastal marine life was saved when shifting winds blew the crude offshore the day following the spill.

#### **April Winds**

High winds whipped up massive ocean waves from the Canary Islands to northern Spain over the Easter weekend. Five people lost their lives in the raging seas, while seven others were left missing. Fishing fleets took shelter in the ports of Galicia, and ski resorts in the Pyrenees were

forced to shut down.

Bullet-train service was halted when high winds lashed northeastern Japan. Vehicles on the Tohoku Expressway, in Fukushima, were overturned during the tempest.

#### Floods

Another round of heavy rains brought renewed flooding to northeastern Bangladesh. At least 40 people have died in the recent inundations. There was little hope of saving the rice crop, the area's only one of the year, according to district officer Mohammad Kamaluddin. Government meteorologists predict spring is likely to produce additional widespread flooding and outbreaks of deadly tornadoes.

Flash floods in southwestern. Colombia killed at least six people and washed away scores of homes near swollen rivers.

More than 100,000 people in East Java remain homeless in continuing massive flooding.

#### **Tropical Storms**

Thousands of people in the central Philippines were forced to flee for their lives as typhoon Owen unleashed flash flooding on Leyte and Cebu islands. Two people were reported missing, while 6,000 others moved to higher ground when rivers overflowed.

Cyclone Odille whipped the Chagos Archipelago with strong winds and high surf as it passed across the central Indian Ocean. Cyclone Tim formed briefly just south of Java.

#### Sahara Squall

A freak Saharan sandstorm swept over the Mediterranean island of Cyprus, turning the spring sky a yellow-gray, and threatening air traffic. The "desert depression" first hit Libya, then blew all the way across the sea to Greece.

Additional Sources: U.S. Climate Analysis Center, U.S. Earthquake Information Center, and the World Meteorological Organization.



I'm probly the last person to go around defending the Pope, but I feel like I've got to say something. Every time the guy announces some new set of Catholic theological rules — like just exactly why it's a sin to use birth control — there's all this criticism and debate and commentary in the press.

Why? What's the point? Listen up, people: It's none of our business.

It's only the business of practicing Catholics. And then, because of the way the Catholic church is set up, it only leads to two choices - keep being a . Catholic, or stop being a Catho-

But, for everybody else, what's the big deal?

When you sign up to be a Catholic, you accept whatever the Pope says. That's the way it works.

When you sign up to be a Branch Davidian, you accept whatever the long-haired musky guy says. That's the way that works.

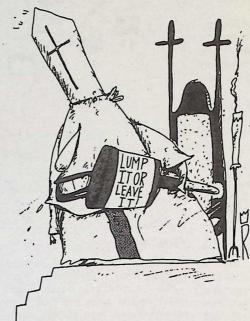
You're not on the side of freedom when you say, "Well, the Pope is wrong, and he should be more up-to-date. He needs to wise up and figure out what's going on in the 20th century."

Listen, he knows what's going on in the 20th century. He doesn't like it. That's his point.

But why does it make non-Catholics so mad when it has nothing to do with them?

And, for that matter, why does it make Catholics mad, since part of the Catholic doctrine is that you sit around and wait for His Polishness to decide these things. You don't send a decision up the chain of command, debate it, mull it, pray over it, deliberate, submit it to the cardinals, and then finally get a ruling from the

Pope — and then say, "No, let's, discuss it some more." He's either the Pope, or he's not the Pope.



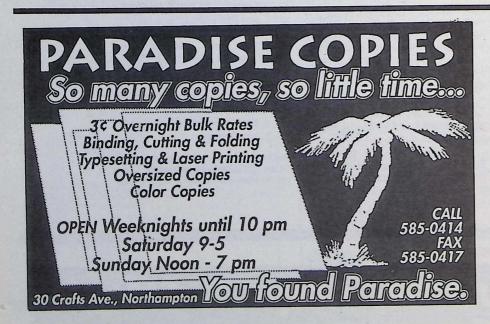
The only freedom issue is that you have the freedom to decide whether you're a Catholic or not. After all, all the Eastern versions of the Orthodox churches will take you. All the various verof the Pope in sions Constantinople and Damascus and Moscow and Athens and wherever else they live. Or you can just become a Unitarian, and then you get to decide everything yourself.

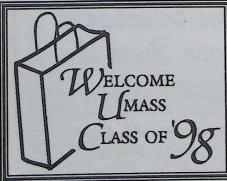
But, when I read these articles about the Pope's decisions, I always think that people are confusing religion with democracy.

They have nothing to do with each other.

That's why we keep 'em separate.

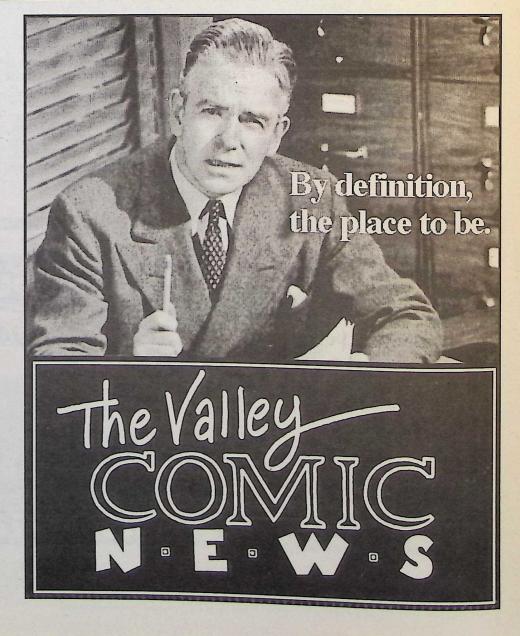
I'm surprised I have to explain this.

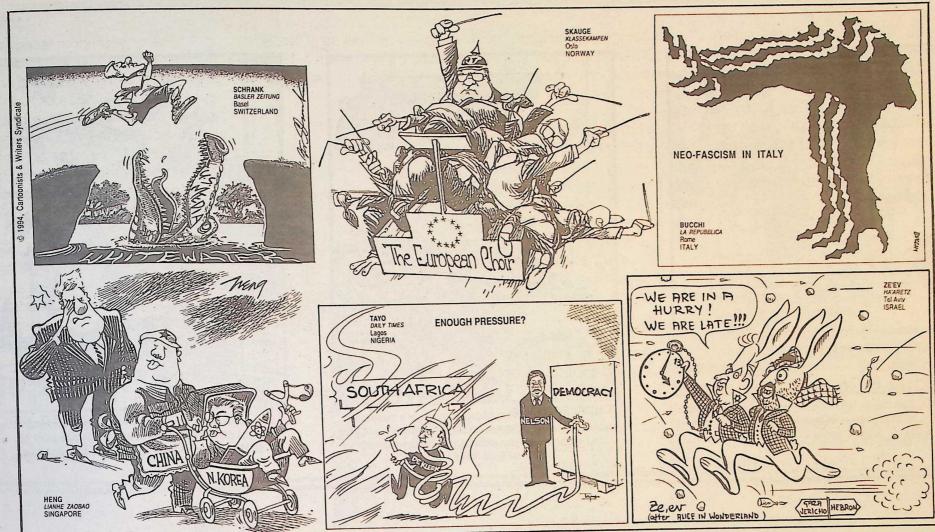




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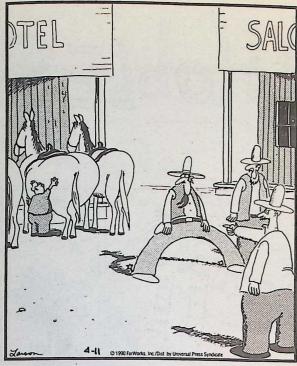


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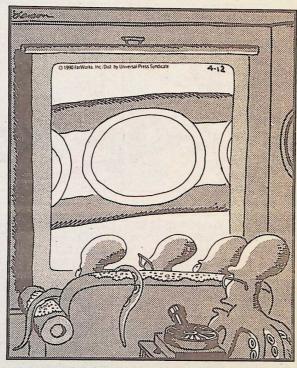
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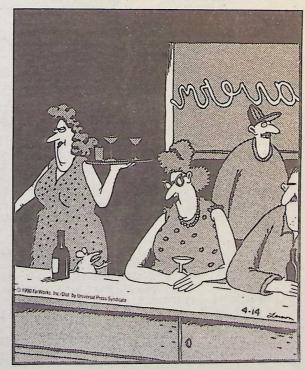
"Criminy! Talk about overstaying your welcome! . . . John, open the door and turn the porch light on — see if that gets rid of them."



At the Dog Museum



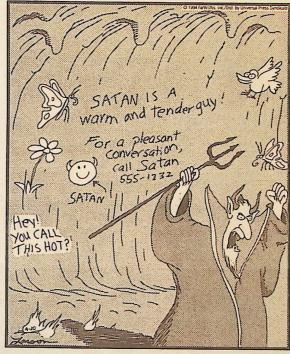
"Again? Criminy! How many times did I have a tentacle over the lens?"



"Well, we could go back to my place, but you have to understand — I'm serious when I say it's just a hole in the wall."



"You need to see medicine man — me just handyman."



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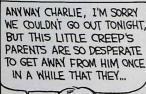










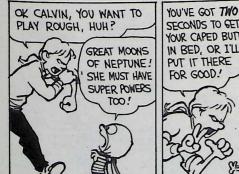




















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### Leold by Roger Salloom

I was talking with my friend, Mark Niznik. He knows a lot about current events.

Mark told me he saw an interview with John Bobbitt.

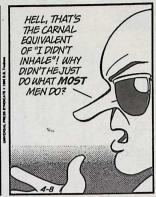
He said John was really dismayed about the whole thing.

Apparently, it started out as a simple game of, "Gotchyour Nose."

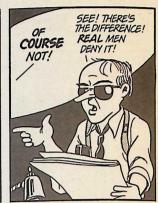


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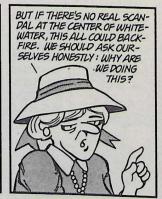




































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